alleged to have used fake termination vouchers. Some arrests have also been made.

Oil Struck in Gujarat

668. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that oil has been struck in Gujarat recently; and

(b) if so, the estimated quantity of resources found?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) *and (b) In 1985 oil was struck at Limbo*dra and Pakhajan in Gujarat. The fields are under delineation.

New refineries at Karnal and Mangalore

669. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have since taken a final decision on the proposed new refineries at Karnal and Mangalore; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) and (b) It has been decided that a detailed project report be prepared jointly by M/s Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd. with a private co-promoter for a 3 MTPA petro-chemical refinery at Mangalore. It has also been decided, in principle, to set up a 6 MTPA refinery at Karnal.

Agitation in Duliajan

670. SHRI SHARAD YADAV:
SHRI J. P. GOYAL:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the causes for the recent agitation by All India Students Union against Oil India Limited in Duliajan in Assam;

(b) the details of losses suffered by Oil India Limited in production of crude oil and LPG due to this agitation;

(c) whether the situation has since been brought under normalcy and Oil India Limited, is carrying on its operations without interruptions; and

(d) if so, what are the details of the agreement arrived at to call off the agitation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) The major demand of the AASU relates to enquiry into the allegation against the Chief Executive of Oil.

(b) The loss suffered in agitations during the period 6.11.86—10.1.87 was as follows:

Loss in production of crude oil—70,200t.

Loss in production of LPG —836 t.

(c) and (d) A representative of the Govt. of India held discussions with the representatives of State Govt. Oil and AASU on the 30th and 31st January 87 at Dispur. Upon the assurance that a decision would be taken on the various allegations against the Chief Executive, within a specified time, the AASU decided to defer their agitation.

Pending hydro-electric projects

671. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:
SHRI N. E. BALARAM:
SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to set up a high level committee comprising of representatives of the

Departments of Power, Environment and Forests, as well as those of Planning Commission and the Ministry of Finance for a quick review of all the hydro-electric projects in the country which are held up on environmental grounds;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what are the details of such projects which have been held up for a long time?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) and (b) At present, no such proposal is under consideration.

(c) Information in respect of major hydro-electric projects which have been accorded techno-economic approval but are yet to be cleared from the environmental angle are given in the statement enclosed.

Statement

Name of the Scheme	Installed Capacity (MW)
Palamaneri (UP) . . .	142.5
Lohari Nagpala (UP) . .	282
Sawalkot (J&K) . . .	600
Baglihar (J&K) . . .	450
Narmada Sagar (MP) . .	1000
Sardar Sarovar (Gujarat/MP/Maha.)	1450
Sharavati Tail Race (Karnataka)	240
Vishnu Prayag (UP) . .	480

Vacancies of Judges

672. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI:
SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA:
SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI:
SHRI M. KADHARSHA:
SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI:
SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of posts of judges of various High Courts in the country at present;

(b) whether it is a fact that a number of posts of judges are lying vacant in each High Court and the Supreme Court of the country; if so, what is their number separately;

(c) whether there has been a considerable delay in the appointment of judges; if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) by when the posts are likely to be filled up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and b) The requisite information regarding the High Court is given in the attached statement. (*See* below)

The Supreme Court has an authorised strength of 26 Judges; at present, 12 posts are vacant.

(c) and (d) The matter of filling up the vacant posts of Judges is engaging the earnest attention of the Government in consultation with the Concerned constitutional authorities. However it is not possible to indicate the time by which all the posts will be filled up.